



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

SCHWEITZER et al.

Serial No.: 09/910,469

Filed: July 19, 2001

For: SORTING AND IMMOBILIZATION
SYSTEM FOR NUCLEIC ACIDS
USING SYNTHETIC BINDING
SYSTEMS

Group Art Unit: 1634

Examiner: Betty J. Forman

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

1. This is a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for a total period of one month to respond to the Office Action mailed April 16, 2004, in the above patent application.

2. An Amendment and Response After Final under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 in connection with the matter for which this extension is requested is filed herewith.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING (37 C.F.R. §1.8a)

I hereby certify that this paper (along with any referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being deposited with the United States Postal Service on the date shown below with sufficient postage as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

August 16, 2004
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3. Fees for claims:

The fees for claims (37 CFR § 1.16(b)-(d)) have been calculated as shown below:

Claims	No. Previously Paid For	Claims Remaining	No. to be Paid For	Large Entity Fee	Additional Fee Due
Total	325	- 84 =	0 x	\$18.00	\$0.00
Independent	5	- 2 =	0 x	\$86.00	\$0.00
Multiple Dependent	0	(if applicable) <input type="checkbox"/>		\$290.00	\$0.00
TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS					\$0.00
Reduction by ½ for Filing by Small Entity. Note 37 CFR §§ 1.9, 1.27, 1.28.					\$0.00
TOTAL FEES FOR CLAIMS SUBMITTED HERewith					\$0.00

4. The fee for the one-month extension of time for a large entity under 37 C.F.R.

§§1.17(a)(3) is \$110.00. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge \$110.00 to Deposit Account No. 50-2862 for the above fee(s). A duplicate copy of this document is enclosed for processing purposes.

5. If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2862.

Respectfully submitted,

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